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COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

April 2007

April 17, 2007—DMC Coordinator meet with Mr. Jackson (Volunteer of Marion County Jail and Former Educator)

This meeting did not take place as scheduled. ICJI staff was late to the meeting site due to a staff meeting running over. Email to reschedule the meeting was sent to Mr. Jackson but no follow up has been made on his part.

April 17, 2007—DMC Coordinator meet with Mental Health Counselor of the Community Alliance of The Far Eastside

As the Indiana Disproportionality Committee expands its focus to include mental health, it was imperative that the Committee recruited mental health experts. The Counselor and Coordinator discussed the Committee and its many roles. Participation on behalf of the Community Alliance of the Far Eastside was granted and representatives will assist with acquiring Indiana related data to include in the presentation.

April 18, 2007—Commission for Indiana Social Status of African American Males

The DMC Coordinator briefly attended the Indiana Social Status of African American Males to share the newly released Indiana Disproportionality Committee's 2006 Annual Report.

April 24, 2007—Indiana Education Steering Committee (Indiana Civil Rights Commission)

The Indiana Civil Rights Commission had various guest speakers discuss different approaches to cultural responsiveness in the school setting. Included in the presentation were recommendations to include within the school systems and while implementing the PBIS in the pilot sites. Discussion stemmed from the speakers how educators are not always aware of their own biases. Personal experiences shared by the participants about difference in behavior towards and treatment to persons of different race/ethnicity by certain groups were also dialogued. Participants also mentioned that cultural discrimination and miss-treatment takes place within ones own race and ethnic group (ie. Class Discrimination).

April 25, 2007—State of Our Black Youth (SOBY) Indianapolis Sub-Committee

Momentum of the group continues to be strong, however, attendance at the meetings has dropped. It was suggested that a re-grouping of members take place. This will provide a more accurate picture of those who will be able to participate on the Committee. Roles and responsibilities need to be revisited as some tasks and assignments have been completed. The Skit is scheduled for taping over the summer and should be ready for dissemination for Circle City Classic. Securing funds continue to be an obstacle but Managed Health Care Services has been able to provide some financial backing for taping purposes. Next steps will be to develop a budget and marketing plan.

April 26, 2007—Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) Research Sub-Committee

The Committee will continue to gather data and make contact with various members of the Large Committee to recruit additional support in completing assignments and tasks. Outreach has been made to colleges in Northern Indiana for professors who need to complete tenure. Slides are currently being updated and created for systems added (mental health and education). The next large committee meeting to be held in June will be longer than scheduled so members have the option of staying at the meeting to participate in the Train the Trainers workshop.

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